

## COTTON OF ALKINGTON, SALOP

ARMS: \*Azure a chevron argent between three cotton-hanks argent [BLG]

CREST: A falcon proper beaked legged and belled or the dexter claw supporting a belt also proper buckle or [BLG]

Hugh Cotton of Cotton in Wem, Salop

chn: Richard Cotton below

Richard Cotton of Cotton in Wem, Salop

chn: Roger Cotton below

Richard Cotton Alkington, Salop

m Eleanor dau and heir of John Grymeland OR Gremyton of Alkington, Salop

chn: William Cotton below

William Cotton of Alkington, Salop

m ----- dau of Hulse of Norbury, Cheshire; (sister of John Hulse)

chn: John Cotton below

John Cotton of Alkington, Salop

m Catherine dau of Thomas Constantine of Doddington

chn: Thomas Cotton [1] below

Richard Cotton [2] (clerk)

William Cotton [3] (had no chn); (of Coventry, Warwicks alderman)

Roger Cotton [4] m Mary dau of John Blount of Kinlet; (and had chn: John, George, Richard, Roger, Elizabeth, Mary)

Mary Cotton [] m ----- Benion of Warwicks

Joan Cotton [] m John Ward of Baschurch, Salop

Thomas Cotton of Alkington, Salop

m Alice dau and heir of Ralph Johnson of Whitchurch

chn: Ralph Cotton [1]

John Cotton [2] m Beatrice OR Catherine Whitfeild; (and had chn: Eleanor m Michael Whitby, Thomas, John, Francis, Margaret)

Roger Cotton [3] m Dorothy dau of William Hering of Coventry, Warwicks; (and had chn: John, Mary)

William Cotton [4] m Margaret dau of John Wright of Nantwich; (and had chn: Margaret [heir] m Ralph Taylor of Whitchurch)

Ann Cotton m1 Ralph Looyd; m2 John Hughes of Enston

Alice Cotton m William Chidlow

Margaret Cotton m Thomas Hulse of Astley

Eleanor Cotton m1 William Cooper; m2 William Hanmer of the Fenns

Beatrice Cotton m Thomas Saxon of Bewdley

Ralph Cotton of Alkington, Salop c1523-

m Jane dau of John Smith ALIAS Tarbock of Newcastle, Staffs c1483-1561 [SLG]  
(of Whitchurch, Salop)

chn: John Cotton [1] b c1548 below

Thomas Cotton [2] b c1550; (had no chn)

William Cotton [3] b c1552; below

Randall Cotton [4] (had no chn); (Captain, Army, in West Indies)

Roger Cotton [5] not completed

Allen Cotton [6] m Eleanor dau of Edward More of London; (and had chn: Mary m Thomas Eyre of London merchant c1588-.... [VIS.LONDON.1633-4 I 261]); (knighted); (Lord Mayor of London, 1625) not completed

Alice Cotton m Thomas Clayton of Newcastle, Staffs

Eleanor Cotton m Henry Conyers of London

Margaret Cotton m Robert Edwards of Oswestry, Salop c1568-....  
[VIS.LONDON.1633-4 248]

**John Cotton of Alkington, Salop Esquire c1548-....**

m Jane Dod dau of John Dod of Cloverley, Salop c1520-.... [VIS.SALOP.1623 164]; (but

had no chn)  
(refounder of Newcastle-under-Lyme Free Grammar School) 1 Jun 1609

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William Cotton of London draper c1552-  
m Jane dau and coheir of William Shawbury of London  
d before his father  
(Alderman, Dowgate Ward, London) 1607

chn: Rowland Cotton b c1577 **below**

William Cotton b c1578; d *in infancy*

William Cotton b c1579 **below**

Edward Cotton (had no chn)

Richard Cotton (had no chn)

Benjamin Cotton (had no chn)

Joseph Cotton (had no chn)

James Cotton (had no chn)

### **Sir Rowland Cotton of Bellaport in Norton-in-Hales, Salop Knight c1577-1634**

b c1577 *1st son of John Cotton of Alkington, Salop Esquire c1548-....*

m1 Frances Needham 1st dau of Robert Needham 1st Viscount Kilmorey c1558-1631 [SLG]; d *in childbirth*

23 Nov 1606; i Adderley; M.I. (Norton-in-Hales)

m2 Joyce Walsh dau and coheir of Sir Richard Walsh of Shelsley Walsh, Worcs Knight c1557-....  
[VIS.WORCS.1569 141]; (but had no chn); i 20 Apr 1637 Norton-in-Hales

i 23 Aug 1634 Norton-in-Hales; Will (PCC) 13 to 22 Aug 1634/14 Nov 1634 [abstract SHC 1920 8-9]

(of Alkington and Bellaport, Salop)

(presented at Ashley, Staffs) 1630

(bought Bellaport, Salop from the Grosvenor family and built "The Old Hall")

(pupil of Hugh Broughton 1549-1612 and became an eminent scholar and a learned Hebraist)

c1581-9

(adm. Lincoln's Inn) 3 Jun 1599

(M.P., Newcastle) Oct 1605-11 1628-9

(knighted at Whitehall) 13 Nov 1608

(Mayor, Newcastle) 1614

(Sheriff, Salop) 1616-7

(M.P., Salop) 1626

chn: .[dau]. Cotton b 23 Nov 1606; d 23 Nov 1606

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### **William Cotton of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs Esquire c1579-1639**

b c1579 *3rd son of John Cotton of Alkington, Salop Esquire c1548-....*

m1 Elizabeth Butler (?Buller) of London Bridge; i Newcastle [hw]

m2 Ann Draycott dau of Philip Draycott of Painsley in Draycott, Staffs c1560-1604 [SLG]; 1639 hw

d 1639; i Newcastle [will] [PR defective]; Will (Lichfield) 24 Jul 1639/23 Nov 1639 [abstract below];

Inventory 9 Aug 1639 £1,117/9/2

(of Etwall, Derbys)

[? as Mr. Cotton of Newcastle, as gentleman, named in the Visitation) \*Aug 1614]

(Mayor, Newcastle) 1624-31

chn: William Cotton b c1608; 1634 E fbw **below**

Elizabeth Cotton m William Marshall of London citizen ....-a1698; d 1698;

i Lichfield St Mary; M.I. [SHAW I 335]; 1634 fbw; 1639 fw

Sarah Cotton m Thomas Bagnall of Newcastle, Staffs c1623-.... **[SLG]**; 1634 fbw;  
1639 fw

Rebecca Cotton m Philip Hollins of Moseley in Bushbury, Staffs c1590-1664 [SLG];  
1634 fbw; 1639 fw

[2] Philip Cotton b c1621; m Margery Neylor dau of Thomas Neylor of Winnington: She

m1 William Grosvenor of The Brand, Salop c1614-.... **[SLG]**; i 26 Apr 1687

Drayton: He 1634 fbw; 1639 fw; (aged 42) 1663

Ann Cotton m Thomas Fothergill of Ireby Hall, Lancs; 1634 fbw; (under age) 1639  
fw

*... to be buried in the Church of Newcastle under Lyme in the chancel near to the place where my former wife was buried ... unto Anne Cotton my now wife £100 ... dau Anne Cotton £100 [underage] ... daus Elizabeth, Sarah and Rebeccah ... son Philip £100 ... in consideration of a marriage agreed between my son William and Joyce Bromley sister of Henry Bromley of Shrawardine, Salop Esquire*

(7 Aug 1637) ... executors son William and coassin Thomas ?Harpar of The Greaves, Mucklestone gent ...

### **William Cotton of Bellaport in Norton-in-Hales, Salop esquire c1608-1693**

m1 21 Jun 1637 Joyce Bromley 2nd dau of Sir Thomas Bromley of Holt Castle, Worcs Knight c1582-1641 [SLG];

i 20 Oct 1649 Norton-in-Hales

m2 21 Jan 1651.2 Norton-in-Hales: Dorothy Wettenhall dau of John Wettenhall of Hanklow, Cheshire; i 3 May 1697

Norton-in-Hales; Will of *Dryaton-in-Hales widow* (Lichfield) 26 Aug 1697

i 3 Sep 1693 Norton-in-Hales

(of Alkington)

(Prince Rupert ordered that no injury should be done to him) May 1644

(presented at Ashley, Staffs) 1676

chn: Rowland Cotton [4] c 5 Nov 1639 Norton-in-Hales

William Cotton [5] c cOct 1643 Norton-in-Hales; [? m Ann Starkey]

John Cotton i 28 Apr 1648 Norton-in-Hales

Ann Cotton [6] i 24 Dec 1648 Norton-in-Hales

[?] Beatrice Cotton [4] m Thomas Birch of Birch, Lancs c1639-.... [BAINES II 531]

[?] Elizabeth Cotton [5] b c1643; m William Wedgwood of Harracles in Horton, Staffs c1635-1677 [SLG]

[2] Ralph Cotton b c1653 **below**

William Cotton b 20 Jun 1655; i 15 Dec 1664 Norton-in-Hales

Wolfram Cotton i 30 Nov 1678 Norton-in-Hales

Diana Cotton i 18 Mar 1680 Norton-in-Hales

Mary Cotton

Jane Cotton i 30 Jun 1683 Norton-in-Hales

John Cotton

### **Ralph Cotton of Bellaport in Norton-in-Hales, Salop Esquire c1653-1676**

m 14 Sep 1669 Norton-in-Hales: Abigail dau of Sir Thomas Abney Knight

i 17 Feb 1675.6 Norton-in-Hales

chn: Rowland Cotton c 8 Dec 1674 Newcastle below

### **Rowland Cotton of Bellaport in Norton-in-Hales, Salop Esquire 1674-1753**

c 8 Dec 1674 Newcastle

m 1699 Mary youngest dau and coheir of Sir Samuel Sleigh of Etwall, Derbys;

d aged 81 11 Dec 1761; i 18 Dec 1761 Norton-in-Hales; M.I.

d 26 Apr 1753; i 5 May 1753 Norton-in-Hales; M.I.

(Mayor, Newcastle) 1697

(M.P., Newcastle) 1699

(as a Staffordshire Land Tax Commissioner had an annual income from land of £100 or more) \*1702

chn: William Cotton b Nov 1700 below

Rowland Cotton [? m Catherine Holbrook; m2 John Eld of Seighford, Staffs Esquire 1704-1796] d 23 Nov 1739

Mary Cotton m Henry Eyre of Rowter, Derbys Esquire

Elizabeth Abigail Cotton m Sir Lynch Salusbury Cotton of Cumbermere, Cheshire 4th Baronet

Catherine Cotton m 26 Dec 1764 Derby All Saints: Robert Shirley 6th Earl Ferrers 1723-1787 [CP]; d 26 Mar 1786 Staunton Harold; i Bredon, Leics

### **William Cotton of Bellaport in Norton-in-Hales, Salop Esquire 1700-1776**

b Nov 1700

m 14 Jun 1742 Rebecca dau of Daniel Webster

d Jan 1776

chn: William Cotton b 1740; unm; d 4 Nov 1819; (a lunatic)

Evelyn Rowland Cotton Will (...) 1795

Elizabeth Cotton [coheir]

Rebecca Cotton [coheir] m1 Richard Ward; m2 William Beer

Maria Theresa Cotton [coheir] m 1784 Lawrence Dundas Henry Cokburne clerk

Catherine Cotton [coheir] m (settlement, 1770) William Mills of Barlaston,

Staffs Esquire 1745-.... [SLG]; d 1774

### **Cottons**

*The Cottons owned Bellaport and Norton for quite a long time, being handed down through the generations.*

*A later William Cotton formed a liaison in 1737 with Rebecca Webster, who was a servant girl. The family disapproved, he was disinherited and they went away to Nottingham together. After two children had been born they married and had a further four children. William made up with his father after nine years and the inheritance line was settled. This was to be William, his eldest son, failing that, his second son and after that the daughters. However, the second son, Rowland, died first and the elder son was committed as a lunatic. The daughters then began to claim their brother William's property.*

*A highly complicated legal battle began between the daughters and Rowland's heirs. The problem that arose was whether William was legitimate (being born before his parents married) and therefore entitled to inherit. The sum of money spent on the case was incalculable and everyone seems to have run short of money. The estate was put up for sale in 1827 and the husband of one of the daughters bought most of it. This was the Rector of Norton, Lawrence Cokburne. DW Davison of The Brand also bought that land to the west of the Adderley road. [internet]*

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BLG 1914; CHECK: JMORRIS 2080; VIS.SALOP.1623 (30/4/04)

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### **COTTON OF BERESFORD IN ALSTONFIELD, STAFFS**

ARMS: \*Azure a chevron argent between three cotton-hanks argent (on the chevron a trefoil gules)

CREST:

---- Cotton of Warblington and Bedhampton, Hants c1540-  
chn: George Cotton [younger son] below

Sir George Cotton (of Bedhampton, Hants) Knight c1570-c1613  
m Cassandra McWilliam dau and heir of ---- McWilliam  
d c1613  
chn: Charles Cotton below  
Cassandra Cotton unm; d a1664

Charles Cotton of Ovingden, Sussex c1600-1658  
m Olive Stanhope dau and heir=m of Sir John Stanhope of Elvaston, Derbys Knight  
c1580-1638 [SLG] and Olive (Beresford) dau and heir of Edward Beresford of Enson in  
Stafford c1555-.... [SLG]  
d 8 Dec 1658 [VIS]  
(by right of his wife, of Beresford)  
chn: Charles Cotton b 28 Apr 1630; (aged 34) 1664 below

Charles Cotton of Beresford in Alstonfield, Staffs gentleman 1630-1687  
b 28 Apr 1630  
m1 30 Jun 1656 St Mary, Nottingham: Isabel Hutchinson dau of Sir Thomas Hutchinson  
of Owthorpe, Notts Knight c1582-.... [VIS.NOTTS.1662-4] and Catherine (Stanhope  
dau of Sir John Stanhope of Elvaston, Derbys Knight c1560-1611 [SLG])  
m2 p1668 (with £1,500) Mary Russell dau of Sir William Russell of Strensham, Worcs;  
(but had no chn): She m1 Wingfield Cromwell 2nd Earl of Ardglass 1624-1668 [SLG];  
(living) 12 Sep 1687  
i 16 Feb 1686.7 St James, Westminster; Adm (----) 12 Sep 1687 to a creditor, his  
widow and five children having renounced  
(at Cambridge); (of Beresford Hall); (single copies of his verse printed which circulated chiefly in  
manuscript) 1649-74; (became deep in debt); (Justise of Pace. About 30. £600 pr. Very loyall and  
orthodox. Ingenous and active but a good fellow ...) c1663 [ACCOUNT]; (aged 34, certified  
Visitation) 1664; (published burlesques of Virgil) 1664; (empowered by an Act of Parliament to sell  
part of his estate) 1665; (as Esquire, 9 hearths, Beresford) 1666 HT; (with an estate of £600, an  
intended Knight of the Royal Oak) 16--; (Captain, Army in Ireland) 1670; (published burlesques of  
Lucian) 1675; (reputed author of THE COMPLETE GAMESTER) 1674; (published THE PLANTER'S  
MANUAL) 1675; (published a dialogue between "Piscator" and "Viator" as the second part of the  
fifth edition of Izaak Walton's COMPLEAT ANGLER) 1676; (J.P., Staffs) 1679-80; (published THE  
WONDERS OF THE PEAK) 1681; (published a standard translation of Montaigne's Essays) 1685;  
(his collected poems published) 1689; (his collected works published) 1715 [OXFORD COMPANION  
TO ENGLISH LITERATURE] [DNB] [and see JDANHS 1917 64-74 and DAJ 1966 16] [SIMMS]  
chn: Beresford Cotton [1] b c1657 below  
Isabella Cotton [1] b c1658; d young  
Olive Cotton [2] b c1659; m George Stanhope (Dean of Canterbury) 1660-1728  
[DNB]; (and had chn: Mary m 3 Jun 1712 Lewisham, Kent: William Burnet

(Governor of Massachusetts) c1680-1729 [DNB]  
Isabella Cotton [3] c 25 Oct 1660 Alstonfield; d young  
Wingfield Cotton [2] c 4 Dec 1662 Alstonfield; d c1663 aged 1  
Catherine Cotton [4] c 12 May 1664 Alstonfield; m Sir Berkeley Lucy of  
Broxbourne, Herts ... Baronet c1672-1759 [...]; (and had chn: Mary [heir]  
c 9 Nov 1709 St Andrews Holborn; m 14 Aug 1727 Charles Compton of Eastbourne,  
Sussex c1696-1755 (4th son of George Compton 4th Earl of Northampton 1664-1727  
[CP])); i 22 Jun 1740 Faccombe, Hants  
Charles Cotton [3] c 26 Sep 1665 Alstonfield; d young  
Jane Cotton [5]  
Mary Cotton [6] m Augustine Armstrong

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Beresford Cotton (of Beresford in Alstonfield, Staffs) c1657-  
m 30 Oct 1683 Derby All Saints: Catherine Cross  
(aged 7) 1664; (aged 22) 1680; (Captain, Sir Richard Atkin's Regiment of Foot) 23 Apr 1694

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\*1614/64; \*1664/1700; IGI; ERDESWICK 477; VIS.NOTTS.1662-4 106 (30/4/04)

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**COTTON OF COTTON, CHESHIRE**  
**COTTON OF HAMSTALL RIDWARE, STAFFS**  
**COTTON OF BOLD HALL IN BLITHFIELD, STAFFS**  
**COTTON OF CRAKEMARSH IN UTTOXETER, STAFFS**  
**COTTON OF COTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD IN HANBURY, STAFFS**

ARMS: \*Azure an eagle displayed argent armed gules [RIDWARE then COTTON 1]; \*Argent a bend  
sable between three pellets [COTTON 2]; \*Azure on a chevron argent three Catherine-wheels gules

CREST: On a mount vert an eagle or falcon rising or

The earlier account follows [VIS.HUNTS.1613] but is rather uncertain.

**Simon Cotton of Cotton, Cheshire c1270-**

b c1270 ? son of William Cotton  
chn: William Cotton below

**William Cotton of Cotton, Cheshire c1295-**

m Joan ----  
m Isabella ----  
(lord of Coton-under-Needwood)  
(living) 1321/2 1356/7  
chn:  
[2] Edmund Cotton below

Edmund Cotton of Cotton, Cheshire c1320-

m Catherine ----  
[? Catherine Brett dau of ---- Brett of Dana, Cheshire] [VIS.ESSEX.1558 41]  
(with his wife Catherine, granted land by John son of Richard son of Thomas Cotton) 1342/3  
chn: William Cotton b c1350 below  
[?] Robert Cotton b c1349 further below

**William Cotton of Cotton, Cheshire c1350-**

m c1375 Agnes Ridware dau of Walter Ridware of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs c1325-.... [SLG]  
(by right of his wife, lord of 2/2 Boylestone+A, Derbys)  
(as son of Edmund, in deed regarding his land in Ridware) 1376/7 [VIS.HUNTS.1613 23]; (living)  
1397 [COX III 19]; (living) 1400/1  
chn: John Cotton below

**John Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs Esquire c1376-**

m Isabel Falconer dau and heir of Sir William Falconer of Thurcaston, Leics Knight  
(lord of 2/2 Boylestone, Derbys+A)  
(an armiger) \*1433; (living) 1438 [COX III 19]  
chn: Richard Cotton below

**Sir Richard Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs Knight c1401-1455**

m Joan Venables dau and coheir=nephew of Sir Hugh Venables of Kinderton, Cheshire

Knight c1376-.... [SLG]; b c1406

d slain 22 May 1455 St Albans

(a Lancastrian, slain at the first battle of St Albans) 22 May \*1455

chn: John Cotton b c1426 below

William Cotton [2] m -----; (and had chn: Thomas m Eleanor Knightley dau of Richard Knightley of Fawsley, Northants c1432-1476 [SLG]); (of Conington, Hunts); (ancestor of COTTON OF CONINGTON, HUNTS AND BELLAPORT BARONETS) [see VIS.HUNTS.1613]

Richard Cotton [3] m -----; (and had chn: Richard (living) 1496/7); (living) 1472/3

### **John Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs Esquire c1426-a1463**

m1 Mary Pole dau of Ralph Pole of Radbourne, Derbys c1391-.... [SLG]

m2 Joan Fitzherbert dau of Nicholas Fitzherbert of Norbury, Derbys c1401-1473 [SLG]

d 1462/3

(Sheriff, Staffs) 1454-5

chn: Richard I Cotton b c1447 below

[2] John Cotton b c1449 further below

William Cotton b c1455; d [c?1461] aged 6 Hamstall Ridware

Thomas Cotton b c1459 Hamstall Ridware; d Richmond; (aged 11, educ. Eton, K.S.) 1470-6; (adm. scholar, King's, Cambridge) 1476; (B.D.); (Fellow) 1479-86; (first Friar Observant of England, at Greenwich)

William Cotton b c1462 Hamstall Ridware; d aged 20 London; [? (aged 13, educ. Eton, K.S.) 1475-?82; ("clerk to Mr John Clerke the king's auditor")

Roger Cotton m Ann Roose dau of John Roose [NOT Rooke] of Plymouth, Devon; (of London citizen and vintner)

Walter Cotton b c1465; (B.Can.L., Cambridge) 1489.90); (clerk); (Parson, Hamstall Ridware)

Richard II Cotton II b c1480 below

Edmund Cotton [?Edward] (died when servant to Richard Fox Bishop of Winchester ....-1528)

James Cotton d *in infancy*

Elizabeth Cotton d *in infancy*

Elizabeth Cotton m John Sedley of Southflete, Kent (Auditor of the King's Exchequer)

Margaret Cotton m Richard Belgrave of Belgrave, Leics c1450-.... [VIS.LEICS.1619 68 96]; (and had chn)

Joane Cotton m Thomas Yonge of Plymouth, Devon and of London citizen and vintner

Isabel Cotton (a nun at Barking Abbey near London)

Catherine Cotton m1 Thomas Powtrell of West Hallam, Derbys c1450-1484 [JDANHS 1921 34-6]; m2 Thomas Molyneux of Naunton (Attorney General)

### **Richard Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs c1447-a1503**

m Joan Brereton dau of Sir William Brereton, Cheshire Knight c1406-1484 [SLG]; d 11 May 1517; i Hamstall Ridware; M.I. [below]

SHAW has d 1496/7

d 10 Jul 1502 OR 10 Sep 1503 Arlston, Derbys [IPM]; IPM as of Pipe Ridware Esquire (Staffs) 24 Nov 1503/10 Nov 1504 [944] and (Leics) 23 Jan 1503.4/3 Mar 1503.4 [688] ASSUMED SAME PERSON IN BOTH IPMs

(lord of 1/6 Alsfelde, Staffs); (lord of Boylestone, Derbys); (lord of Cayham, Mapulwell and Thurcaston, Leics)

chn: Matilda Cotton [1] [coheir=b] m Sir Anthony Fitzherbert of Norbury, Derbys Knight 1470-1538 [SLG]; d 1521 OR 1551

Eleanor Cotton [2] [coheir=b] m Sir William Venables of Kinderton, Cheshire Knight c1475-1544 [SLG]: He or She d 1540-1

Thomas Cotton b c1482; (aged 20+) 1502 [IPM] below

Catherine Cotton [3] [coheir=b] m c1509 Richard Grosvenor of Eaton, Cheshire c1479-1542 [SLG]

Isabella Cotton [4] [coheir=b] m1 John Bradbourne of Hough in Ashbourne, Derbys c1484-a1527 [SLG]; m2 Sir William Bassett of Blore Ray, Staffs Knight 1493-1553 [SLG] [seven other sons, two other daus] (all had no chn)

[8 sons, 6 daus] [M.I.]

Here lyth the body of Jone Coton late the wife of Richard Coton sumtyme heire of this lordshipe and daughter of Sir Willyam Brereton knyght. The which Richard and Jone hadde viii sons and vi

daughters which sonnes dyed withoute yssue. So that this lordshipe with Thurcaston, Bolton [?] Boyleston] and dyvers other londdys, come to these iii daughters as heires then being alyfe, Maude, Elynor, Kateryn and Isabel. Maude the eldest daughter maryed to Antony Fitzherbert one of the kyng's sergauntis at the law; Elynor maryed to William venable baroon of kynderton; Katren maryed to Richard Graffyoner of Eyton esquier; and Isabell maryed to John Bardburne of the Hugh esquier. Which Jone dyed the 11 daye of May in the yere of our lorde God A. mccccxvii. [SHAW I 158]

**Thomas Cotton (of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs) c1482-a1509**

m a1504 Catherine Ferrers dau of Sir John Ferrers of Tamworth Castle, Staffs Knight  
c1438-c1484; m2 a1509 Anthony Babington of Dethick, Derbys c1476-1536 [SLG]  
d a1509  
(aged 20+) 1502 [IPM]  
chn: Elizabeth Cotton b c1505; (had no chn)

NOTE: "Lady Cotton" (held 0.16KF in Hamstall Ridware of the Barony of Stafford) \*1521

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**John Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs c1449-....**

b c1449 *son of John Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs Esquire c1426-.... [SLG]*  
m Alice Langham dau and heir of Richard Langham [NOT Laughton] of Langham, Suffolk  
chn: Richard Cotton  
Nicholas Cotton (had no chn); d 1500 [see Tindall ESSEX 39]  
Sigismund Cotton (of Panfield, Essex) [see Tindall ESSEX 39]  
[NOW SEE VIS.ESSEX 43]

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**Richard Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs c1480-1534**

b c1480 *son of John Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs Esquire c1426-.... [SLG]*  
m1 Joane St John dau and [?co-]heir of Thomas St John of Charing, Kent; c1532 FAS  
m2 Alice Savage dau of Gilbert Savage of Derbys; c1532 FAS  
i 1534 Hamstall Ridware  
(as of Hamstall Ridware Esquire or gentleman, late of Penkridge horsemaster, received the King's pardon) c1509  
(as Mester Richard, of Hamstall Ridware) c1532 FAS  
chn: Humphrey Cotton [1] b c1510; c1532 FAS see COTTON OF CRAKEMARSH  
?Francis Cotton (as Frances) c1532 FAS [see below]  
Nicholas Cotton [2] c1532 FAS  
John Cotton [3] b c1514; c1532 FAS further below  
[?] Eleanor Cotton c1532 FAS  
[2] Matilda Cotton c1532 FAS; m1 Francis Repington of Amington in Tamworth, Staffs  
c1512-.... [SLG]; m2 ---- Willoughby  
Dorothy Cotton c1532 FAS

*(as trustees of T. Bassett who held under the Crown, Richard Coton of Hampsall, Anthony Fitzherbert (deceased) [both preceding?] m Humphrey Cotton and Francis Cotton, presented at Marston-upon-Dove, Derbyshire [COX III 202].*

**Humphrey Cotton of Bold Hall in Blithfield, Staffs Esquire c1510-1583**

m a1537 Ann Kynnersley dau of Thomas Kynnersley of Loxley, Uttoxeter, Staffs c1475-a1541 [SLG]  
[VIS.WARWICKS.1619]; m1 Lewis Meverell of Bold Hall in Blithfield, Staffs c1508-.... [SLG];  
Will as widow of Humphrey Cotton of the Bolde, Blithfield (?Lichfield) 17 Dec  
1586/---- [SHC 1926]; d 1586/7  
d 1583  
(as Mester Humphrey, of Hamstall Ridware gentleman, unm.) c1532 FAS; (with his wife Ann,  
acquired a house and land at Fulfen) 1537 [SHC XIV 210]; (had 5 kine in his hands, the property of  
Our Lady's Service, Blithfield) 1552-3 [SHC 1915 28]; (J.P., Staffs) 1554-....; (as armiger, summoned  
but not entered at the Visitation) Aug \*1583  
chn: William Cotton below  
Catherine Cotton m Thomas Homersley of Kingsley, Staffs c1545-.... [SLG]  
Margaret Cotton m Stephen Warner  
Ann Cotton  
Matilda Cotton m George Pudsey of Langley, Warwicks [? NOT John Pudsey of  
Sutton, Warwicks]  
Grace Cotton m a1583 John Leigh of Ridge, Cheshire c1557-1600 [SLG]  
Elizabeth Cotton m Jonas Grosvenor of Bushbury, Staffs c1554-.... [SLG]

**William Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1540-....**

m1 Elizabeth Mallory dau of Sir Richard Mallory of London Knight (Lord

  Mayor of London, 1564-5); [? b 1554]

m2 Margaret ?2nd dau of William Yonge of Caynton, Salop Esquire c1520-.... [SLG];

  (but had no chn); (sister of her stepson William's wife)

(of Bold Hall in Blithfield, Staffs); (owned a house etc at Fulfen & Childerhay) 1571; (a tenant of Longdon manor) \*1589/92; (living) 1609

chn: Walter Cotton [1] b c1570 below

  Thomas Cotton [2] b c1574 further below

  Philip Cotton [3]

  Mary Cotton

  Ann Cotton

  Elizabeth Cotton

**Walter Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1570-1613**

m Elizabeth ?1st dau of William Yonge of Caynton, Salop Esquire c1520-.... [SLG];

  (sister of her husband's stepmother)

d 1613

chn: William Cotton [1] below

  Mary Cotton [1] m Michael Noble of Lichfield, Staffs c1591-?1649 **[SLG]**

  Elizabeth Cotton [2] m Thomas Brough of Leekfrith in Leek, Staffs

  c1590-.... [SLG]

  Ann Cotton [3] m John Cotton of Earlesholme, Suffolk; (and had chn: Mary below)

**William Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1595-1641**

m Ann Colt dau and eventual sole heir of Thomas Colt of Rotherham, Yorks ironmonger

d Dec 1641

(not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £10 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6  
(J.P., Staffs) 11 Jun 1641-d

chn: Rowland Cotton [1] b c1625; (aged 39) 1664 below

  Thomas Cotton [2] (clerk) [see HAUGHTON ADVOWSON]

  Walter Cotton [3] b 1639

  Margaret Cotton [1]

  Ann Cotton [2]

  Thomasin Cotton [3]

  Isabel Cotton [4] m John Bagnall of Barlaston, Staffs c1629-1695 **[SLG]**;

  i 30 Sep 1691 Barlaston

**Rowland Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1625-....**

m1 (his cousin) Mary Cotton dau of John Cotton of Earlesholme, Suffolk above; (but

  had no chn); i 6 Oct 1659 Cound, Salop

m2 5 Feb 1660 Keele: Felicia dau of William Sneyd of Keele, Staffs c1614-1695 [SLG]

(J.P., Staffs) 1658-....

(Justise. About 40. £700 pr. Louall and orthodox but a justice for the parliment. Ordenary parts and a great drinker. Married several wives but hath no children) c1663 [ACCOUNT]

(aged 39, certified Visitation) 29 Apr 1664

(Sheriff, Staffs) 1656-7 1669-70

(as Esquire, 8 hearths, Crakemarsh) 1666 HT

[? (Steward of Newcastle Manor) 23 Jun-Oct 1702 [SOMERVILLE]]

chn:

[2] Elizabeth Cotton [1] b c1662

  William Cotton [1] b c1663; (aged 1) 1664 below

  Rowland Cotton [2] b c1664

  Felicia Cotton b p1664; m1 3 Mar 1684 Keele: William Vyse of Standon, Staffs

  1664-.... [SLG]; m2 7 Dec 1691 Standon: William Wright; i 18 Mar 1718.9 Standon

**William Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1663-....**

m Dorothy -----

(aged 1) 1664

(Sheriff, Staffs) (but did not act) 3-21 Dec 1677 17 Nov 1688-18 Mar 1689 4 Apr-18 Nov 1689

(as a Staffordshire Land Tax Commissioner had an annual income from land of £100 or more) \*1702

chn: [?] William Cotton b c1690 below

  Dorothy Cotton c 14 Nov 1695 Uttoxeter

  Rowland Cotton b 27 Jul 1698 PR; c 11 Aug 1698 Uttoxeter

  Henry Cotton b 22 Aug 1699 PR; c 7 Sep 1699 Uttoxeter **[SCD]**

**William Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1690-....**

m Elizabeth -----

[? (lord of Fenton Vivian) 1734-5]

chn: William Cotton c 18 Jun 1719 Uttoxeter below

**William Cotton 1719-1782**

c 18 Jun 1719 Uttoxeter *son of William Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1690-.... and Elizabeth (-----)*

m 16 Oct 1755 Hester Maria Tyrell dau of Sir Charles Tyrell 7th Baronet; d 1778

d 1782; Will of Reverend, Doctor William Cotton, Doctor of Laws of Crakemarsh, Staffs (PCC) 5 Oct 1782

(educated at Westminster) Jan 1733.4-1736

(aged 17, matriculated from University College, Oxford) 17 Dec 1736

(B.C.L.) 17 Jan 1752

(D.C.L.) 1754

(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 24 May 1752

(ordained priest by Lichfield) 23 Jun 1753

(Vicar, Haxey, Lincs) 10 Dec 1754-a7 Apr 1761

- (presented by York)

- (instituted) 10 Dec 1754

- (resigned) a7 Apr 1761

**(Prebendary, Lichfield Offley) 2 Aug 1762-7 Feb 1774**

- (collated) 2 Aug 1762 [B/A/1/21 p99]

- (installed) 3 Sep 1762 [D30/2/1/8 ff43v-44]

- (resigned by proxy) 7 Feb 1774 [B/A/1/23 p52]

chn: Elizabeth Cotton m (as his 1st wife) Sir Thomas Sheppard of Thornton Hall, Bucks Baronet

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Thomas Cotton of "Fulfen", Burntwood in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs c1574-

b c1574 2nd son of William Cotton of Crakemarsh in Uttoxeter, Staffs Esquire c1540-.... [SLG]

(said to be ancestor of Cotton of Freeford and Lichfield)

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William Cotton of "Fulfen", Burntwood in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs

d 1669-70

(as gentleman, 3 hearths, Burntwood) 1666 HT

chn: William Cotton (under age) 1669-70

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----- Cotton of Freeford in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs

(his widow, 6 hearths, Freeford) 1666 HT

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John Cotton of London citizen c1514-

b c1514 3rd son of Richard Cotton of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs c1480-1534 [SLG]

chn: Roger Cotton

    Thomas Cotton

    George Cotton

    William Cotton (M.A., Queen's College, Cambridge) 1575; (Bishop, Exeter) 1598-1621; i 26 Aug 1621 Exeter [DNB]

    Alice Cotton

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Robert Cotton of Coton-under-Needwood in Hanbury, Staffs c1349-

b c1349 ? son of ----- Cotton of Cotton, Cheshire ....-.... [SLG]

m Eleanor -----; (living) c1376-1414

(living) c1349-77

chn: Thomas Cotton below

Thomas Cotton of Coton-under-Needwood in Hanbury, Staffs Esquire c1380-

m Elizabeth Green; (sister of Thomas Green) (living) 1404/5

(lord of Coton-under-Needwood, until sold to

(living) c1404-46; (Escheator, Staffs) 1412-3 1433-4 1442-3; (an armiger) \*1433

chn: Robert Cotton (had no chn)

    Thomas Cotton (had no chn)

    William Cotton b c1405 below

Ann Cotton [coheir=b] m ----- Walker  
Joyce Cotton [coheir=b] m ----- Frank  
Margaret Cotton [coheir=b] m ----- Berkeley  
Elizabeth Cotton [coheir=b] m William Burton of Tutbury, Staffs c1407-.... [SLG]  
Eleanor Cotton [coheir=b] m ----- Norbury  
Joan Cotton [coheir=b] m ----- Stokes

William Cotton of Coton-under-Needwood in Hanbury, Staffs Esquire c1405-a1439  
(had no chn)  
d 1438/9 [SHAW I 78]  
(succeeded by his sisters)

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#### [? A RELATION]

Rowland Cotton of St Giles-in-the-Fields, London  
chn: William Cotton b c1702; (aged 16) 1718 below

William Cotton c1702-1776  
d Jan 1776  
(aged 16, as son of Rowland C of St Giles-in-the-Fields, London, educ. Westminster) Apr 1718;  
(matric. Balliol, Oxford) 16 Mar 1718<sup>u9</sup>

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#### [? A KINSMAN]

Sir Alan Cotton of London Knight c1560-  
m Eleanor More dau of Edmund More of London  
(Lord Mayor of London) 1625/26  
(said [? IN ERROR] to be ancestor of William Cotton of Crakemarsh)  
chn: Edmund Cotton [1]  
John Cotton [2] below

John Cotton of London c1590-  
m Ann Revell dau of Nicholas Revell of Suffolk Esquire  
(occurs) 1634  
chn: John Cotton (son and heir)  
Mary Cotton  
Ann Cotton

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c1532 FAS; \*1583 (FITZHERBERT; GROSVENOR); \*1614/64 (and BURTON); \*1664/1700;  
HAMSTALL RIDWARE PR (PRINTED); SHAW I 157; VIS.HUNTS.1613 23-30 (30/4/04)

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### **COTTON OF GIDDING ABBOTS, HUNTS**

ARMS:

CREST:

NOTE: Thomasin wife of John Cotton gentleman i 29 Jan 1621.2 Gnosall

John Cotton gentleman i 8 Mar 1625.6 Gnosall

John Cotton of Gidding Abbots, Hunts c1603-a1654  
m 1633 Frances Giffard 1st dau of John Giffard of Whiteladies, Boscobel, Salop  
c1572-a1647 [SLG]; (as widow, lord of Plardiwick) a1654-....  
d a1654  
(by settlement, by right of his wife, lord of Plardiwick) a1647-a1654  
(also of Boscobel and White Ladies, Salop)  
chn: Jane Cotton [heir] m Basil Fitzherbert of Swynnerton, Staffs Esquire c1630-.... [SLG]

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REFERENCE: VCH (PLARDIWICK, GNOSALL)

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## COTTON OF YATTON, SALOP

ARMS:

CREST:

NOTE: These notes are very obscure

----- Cotton of Yatton Hall, Salop c1590-  
m Jane Haughton dau of ----- Haughton (Colonel) (of the family of HAUGHTON of  
HAUGHTON TOWER)  
chn: ----- Cotton [1]  
Thomas Cotton [2] below

Thomas Cotton of Pulley, Salop draper c1620-

m1  
m2

m "Lady Corbet"

m3 14 May 1660 St Chad, Shrewsbury: Margaret Jevon dau of Richard Jevon of Sedgley, Staffs  
1610-a1652 [SLG]

(uncle to Mrs Bulls father [? John Bull])

chn:

[?]. [dau]. Cotton m (her cousin) Thomas Jevon of Sedgley c1643-1692 [SLG]  
Sarah Cotton [coherir] m John Owen of Pully and Woodhouse, Salop c1662-1737 [BLG  
1914]

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\*1664/1700 (JEVON); IGI (30/4/04)

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## COTTON OF LANDWADE, CAMBS

ARMS:

CREST:

William Cotton of Landwade, Cambs Esquire c1410-1453  
m Alice Abbot dau and heir of John Abbot of London  
d 1453

chn: Thomas Cotton below

William Cotton

Andrew Cotton

Edmund Cotton

John Cotton

Robert Cotton

Joan Cotton m Clement Higham of Giffords Hall, Suffolk

Catherine Cotton m Thomas Higham of Higham Hall, Suffolk

Audrey Cotton b c1450; m1 Thomas Barton; m2 Richard Gardner (Lord Mayor, London  
1478-9) c1440-c1485; (and had chn: Mary [heir=f] m Sir Giles Allington Knight  
[VIS.CAMBS.1619 15]; m3 Sir Gilbert Talbot of Grafton, Worcs K.G. c1452-1517 [SLG]

Thomas Cotton of Landwade, Cambs c1440-

m1 Margery Wentworth dau of Sir Philip Wentworth Knight

m2 Joan Sharpe dau and heir of Nicholas Sharpe

d 1499

chn: .[dau]. Cotton

.[dau]. Cotton

[2] Robert Cotton b c1480 below

[others]

Sir Robert Cotton of Landwade, Cambs Knight c1480-1519

m1 Dorothy Cleare dau of Sir Richard OR Robert Cleare Knight

m2 -----

d 18 Jul 1519; i Landwade

chn: John Cotton below

Frances Cotton m Thomas Andrews of Charwelton, Northants; (but had no chn)

Bridget Cotton m Sir John Huddleston of Sawston, Cambs c1519-1557 [SLG]  
[others]

Sir John Cotton of Landwade, Cambs c1510-1593  
m Isabel Spencer dau of Sir William Spencer of Althorp, Northants c1495-1532 [SLG]  
d 1593  
chn: John Cotton below  
Alice Cotton m Sir Thomas Rivett of Chippenham, Cambs Knight  
[VIS.CAMBS.1619 102]

Sir John Cotton of Landwade, Cambs Knight c1540-  
m1 Elizabeth Carell dau of Thomas Carell; (? but had no chn)  
m2 Elizabeth Bradbourne dau of Sir Humphrey Bradbourne of Hough in Ashbourne, Derbys  
Knight c1514-1581 [SLG]; (? but had no chn)  
m3 Ann Houghton dau of Sir Richard Houghton of Lancs Knight  
chn:  
[2] John Cotton b c1615; (aged 4) 1619

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### **COTTON OF DODDLESPOOL**

Thomas Cotton was one of the principal developers of the iron industry in the area. He lived at Doddlespool Hall, Betley and later moved to Eardley End in 1730.

Thomas Cotton of "Doddlespool Hall", Betley, Staffs ironfounder  
[? m Elizabeth -----  
chn: Robert Cotton c 25 Nov 1726 Betley

### **COTTON OF ADBASTON, STAFFS**

#### **William Cotton of "Gilberts Lea", Adbaston, Staffs c1711-....**

m Ann -----  
(of Gilberts Lea)  
chn: Ann Vernon c 6 Jan 1741 Adbaston  
Elizabeth 7 Jan 1744 Adbaston  
William Vernon c 28 Dec 1747 Adbaston  
John Vernon c 24 Dec 1751 Adbaston  
Vernon Vernon c 24 Dec 1751 Adbaston below  
John Vernon c 22 Apr 1755 Adbaston  
Maria Vernon c 9 Oct 1758 Adbaston  
Charles Vernon c 9 Jun 1761 Adbaston

#### **Vernon Cotton of "Lea House", Adbaston, Staffs 1751-1817**

c 24 Dec 1751 Adbaston  
m 24 Jan 1780 Eccleshall: Elizabeth Painter  
d aged 67 1817 "Lea House"  
chn: Mary Ann Cotton [1] c 24 Jun 1783 Eccleshall; m 25 Aug 1803 Francis Hickin

Northen of "Lea House", Adbaston, Staffs physician 1771-1841  
Elizabeth Cotton c 7 Aug 1785 Adbaston; m 13 Mar 1813 Eccleshall: William Bewley  
Meeke LATER Taylor of "The Brooms", Walton in Stone, Staffs "gentleman"  
1785-1855  
Harriet Bagshaw Cotton c 30 Jul 1790 Adbaston; m [? 1 May 1816] Wolstanton: H.S.  
Belcombe of Newcastle M.D.

## COTTON OF LICHFIELD

### **John Cotton of Lichfield, Staffs c1655-....**

m Ann -----; (aged 40) 1695

[30 Aug 1674 Lichfield St ?????: Ann Adey]

(aged 43) 1694

chn: Margaret Cotton c 12 Mar 1676.7 Lichfield St ?????; (aged 20) 1695

Susan Cotton c 12 Aug 1682 Lichfield St Chad; (aged 16) 1695

John Cotton c 4 Jan 1680.1 Lichfield St Chad; (aged 16) 1695

Ann Cotton c 19 Mar 1684.5 Lichfield St ?????; (aged 7) 1695; m (by Lichfield  
licence, 7 Nov 1707) Henry Deaken; d aged 71 1753; i Farewell; M.I.

Elizabeth Cotton c 12 Dec 1687 Lichfield St ?????; (aged 6) 1695

Thomas Cotton c 31 Jul 1690 Lichfield St Mary; (aged 4) 1695

William Cotton c 16 Oct 1693 Lichfield St Mary; (aged 1) 1695 below

(1695, Conduit and Dam Street, Lichfield) John Cotton, 40 odd OR 43; Ann, wife, 40; John, son, 16;  
Thomas, son, 4; William, son, 1; Margaret, dau, 20; Susan, dau, 16; Ann, dau, 7; Elizabeth, dau, 6  
[SHC 2018 186]

### **William Cotton of Lichfield, Staffs 1693-1721**

c 16 Oct 1693 Lichfield St Mary

m Elizabeth Adye dau of **Thomas Adye of Lichfield, Staffs "gentleman" c1651-1731**;

c 8 Dec 1689 Lichfield St Mary; d *aged* 70 Dec 1759; M.I. (Farewell)

d *aged* 28 11 Dec 1721; i 14 Dec 1721 Farewell; M.I.

(aged 1) 1695

chn: **William Cotton** c 21 Jul 1715 Lichfield St Mary below

Thomas c 26 Jun 1716 Lichfield St Mary; i 12 Mar 1716.7 Lichfield St Mary

### **William Cotton of Lichfield, Staffs 1715-....**

c 21 Jul 1715 Lichfield St Mary

m *of St Mary Lichfield bach. aged 27* (by Lichfield licence, 8 Feb) 9 Feb 1742.3

Longdon: Hannah Taylor dau of Thomas Taylor; b c1707; d *aged* 58[? recte 50]

2 Feb 1757; M.I. (Farewell)

(8 Feb 1742.3) William Cotton of St Mary Lichfield bach. aged 27 and Hannah Taylor of Longdon  
aged 36

(Farewell, M.I.) Anne, daughter of John Cotton of Lichfield, and wife of Henry Deaken of Charley,  
who died 1753, aged 71. [SHAW I 229\*]

(Farewell, M.I.) William Cotton, who died December 11 1721, aged 28. He had two sons, by  
Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Adey, gent William and Thomas, who died infants. [SHAW I 229\*]  
[probably should read ... and Thomas, who died infant]

(Farewell, M.I.) Sarah and Ellen, daughters of William Cotton and Sarah his wife, who died infants.  
[SHAW I 229\*]

(Farewell, M.I.) Sacred to the memory of Hannah, wife of William Cotton, jun. of the city of Lichfield, magistrate, and daughter of Thomas Taylor of Hansacre, who died February 2 1757 aet. 58. Also of Elizabeth, wife of William Cotton, sen. of the faid city, who died December 1759 aet. 70.